

1 District Judge Marsha J. Pechman
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

9 ANSAF ISMAEL, *et al.*,

Case No. 2:24-cv-00414-MJP

10 Plaintiffs,

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND ORDER

11 v.

Noted for Consideration:
May 28, 2024

12 ANTONY J. BLINKEN,

13 Defendant.

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15 Plaintiffs and Defendant, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal
16 Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and
17 move to stay these proceedings until August 6, 2024. Plaintiffs brought this litigation pursuant
18 to the Administrative Procedure Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel Defendant to complete
19 administrative processing and issue a decision for Plaintiff Saleh's immigrant visa application.
20 Defendant's response to the Complaint is currently due on June 7, 2024. The parties are
21 currently working towards a resolution to this litigation. For good cause, the parties request that
22 the Court hold the case in abeyance until August 6, 2024.

23 Courts have "broad discretion" to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706

24 (1997). "[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to

1 control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for
2 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R.
3 Civ. P. 1.

4 With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial
5 intervention. A consular officer refused Plaintiff Saleh’s immigrant visa application pursuant to
6 8 U.S.C. § 1201(g) on August 14, 2016. This case is currently undergoing administrative
7 processing which may result in a consular officer readjudicating Plaintiff Saleh’s immigrant
8 visa application. Recently, the U.S. Embassy in Bagdad, Iraq, requested additional
9 documentation from Plaintiff. Plaintiff anticipates submitting the documents shortly. Once
10 those documents are submitted, additional time is necessary for the consular officer to review
11 the documents and for any additional security checks to be conducted.

12 As additional time is necessary for this to occur, the parties request that the Court hold
13 the case in abeyance until August 6, 2024.

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1 DATED this 28th day of May, 2024.

2 Respectfully submitted,

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11 **I certify that this memorandum contains 300
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ORDER

2 The case is held in abeyance until August 6, 2024. The parties shall submit a status
3 update on or before August 6, 2024. It is so **ORDERED**.

DATED this 29th day of May, 2024.

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MARSHA J. PECHMAN
United States District Judge